

## INSIDE THIS WEEK:



Grand opening  
for the new  
town centre!



Council gives  
funding boost  
to Motorfest



Councillor Chris Riley with children next to the new reading pods at Burscough Village Primary School

## Reading pods spell fresh chapter for primary school!

BURSCOUGH Village Primary School has opened four outside 'reading pods' after securing £10,000 worth of funding.

The project came after several children mentioned that there were limited places to sit at break times to have quiet space away from playground games.

A spokesperson for the school said: "Pupil voice is important to our school, and we encourage pupils to make suggestions for ways that we can improve our school."

Anna Smith, headteacher, added: "Since returning from the pandemic, we have been working on different incentives

to reignite the children's love of reading. Being able to provide the children with these excellent outside areas to read and write is wonderful, it has been lovely to see all the children from Nursery to Year 6 using them."

Councillor Chris Riley officially opened the schools' reading pods and said that the Town Council were proud of the reading pod project.

Miss Smith added: "We are extremely grateful that Burscough Town Council were able to fund this project for all the children and future children of Burscough Village Primary School."

# MISSILES THROWN AT PARAMEDICS BY GANG OF YOBS

Police issue message to  
parents after incident  
at shopping centre

Report by **Henry James**

AN ambulance team and paramedics who had attended an incident at the Concourse shopping centre in Skelmersdale were targeted by youths who started throwing projectiles at them.

The incident happened on the evening of Sunday, June 12 and police have sent out a message urging parents to be aware if their children gather at the shopping centre.

Police say projectiles were thrown at an ambulance which was parked close to the Concourse building.

A spokesman for Skelmersdale Police wrote on social media: "I feel the need to let all the parents of Skem know about an incident that did not sit well with me at all."

"Tonight we were called to an incident at



The Concourse shopping centre in Skelmersdale

the Concourse by our friends in the ambulance service.

"While parked up close to the Concourse an ambulance and the paramedics inside became the target of several youths who have started throwing projectiles at them."

"Luckily, no damage or injuries were sustained and the youths responsible had

gone on our arrival.

"This may be something you feel you may want to speak to your children about especially if they frequently hang around the Concourse."

"I hope I share the same sentiment that this is unacceptable behaviour and shall not and will not be tolerated."

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# Man arrested for 'disclosing private sexual images'

Report by **Henry James**

A 50 year-old man from Skelmersdale arrested on suspicion of disclosing private sexual images and malicious communication has been bailed by Merseyside Police as part of a crackdown to tackle violence against women and girls.

The day of action, which took place on Thursday, June 9, coincided with the launch of the Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG) Plan which aims to target and pursue offenders, create safer spaces and improve trust and confidence in the police.

As well as the Skelmersdale man, there were other men arrested from Bootle, Haydock and Wavertree and Wirral.

Detective Chief Inspector Lynsay Armbruster, from Protecting Vulnerable People, said: "Tackling violence against women and girls remains a force priority and we will continue to take action to target those who are responsible and bring them to justice."

"I would urge anyone who has been subjected to violence, coercive behaviour or harassment to have the confidence to come forward and speak to our officers and feel reassured that we will support them, thoroughly investigate any allegations and bring offenders to justice."

## Sex pest jailed after approaching women in park and town centre

A MAN has been jailed after approaching women in Coronation Park and the town centre in Ormskirk and asking for sexual acts.

Paul Williams, 52, of Lowther Avenue, in Maghull, was arrested after neighbourhood officers were on "pro-active targeted" patrol of the park area and came across Williams and his appearance matched the description provided by the victims.

Williams was detained by the Neighbourhood Officers, who also carried out extensive CCTV enquiries into the

incidents. The footage revealed Williams approaching females in the park and town centre of Ormskirk, where he was alleged to have asked for sexual acts.

Police wrote on the Ormskirk and Rural West Lancs Police Facebook page: "The CCTV evidence and the accounts provided by the victims of Williams' behaviour ensured a successful prosecution."

"On May 27 the male was sentenced at Preston Magistrates court for Public Order offences and imprisoned for six weeks starting immediately."



Paul Williams



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The dignitaries at the opening of the new Skelmersdale town centre

# The start of a new era for Skelmersdale

Mayor lays final paving stone to officially open the new town centre

Report by **Henry James**

COMMUNITY groups joined West Lancashire's Mayor and MP and the leader of the borough council to mark the opening of the eagerly-awaited Tawd Valley Centre in Skelmersdale.

The Mayor, Councillor Marilyn Westley had the honour of laying the final paving stone to officially mark the completion of the project.

Rosie Cooper, MP for West Lancashire, said: "Skelmersdale has waited a long time, so it's great to see that a new town centre has finally begun to appear.

"Many residents thought it would never happen but here it is, the first part - soon hopefully to be followed by a new Leisure and Wellbeing Hub.

"I will continue to push for more retail, family restaurants and everything else that new

Skelmersdale Town Centre needs!"

Councillor Yvonne Gagen, leader of West Lancashire Borough Council, added: "This is a very important day, not just for the people of Skelmersdale, but West Lancashire as a whole.

"The new town centre development will bring economic and social benefits for the borough's communities long into the future and will greatly enhance the borough's appeal as a great place to live, work and invest, providing increased opportunities for many.

"This development is a significant step towards a future where everyone in West Lancashire will be able to take advantage of a positive economic outlook and vastly improved health and wellbeing outcomes.

"The people of West Lancashire deserve this and I'm delighted we have delivered it."

Major retail brand Lidl have now opened their store with B&M Bargains opening on July 6. Talks with a third retailer are in the final stages.

The area adjacent to the retail park has been upgraded to include an exciting new play area in Tawd Valley Park for families to explore. A new high street now links West Lancashire College with

the rest of the town centre.

Improvements will also be made to the public areas outside Skelmersdale Library to make them more attractive spaces for residents to enjoy.

Minister for Levelling Up, Neil O'Brien MP, said: "Supported by £2 million from the government's Growth Deal, Skelmersdale's new and improved town centre will help deliver opportunity and prosperity for all.

"With new retailers already opening up, the Tawd Valley Centre will serve as a shining example of levelling up in action in West Lancashire."

The town centre redevelopment scheme has been a partnership between the Borough Council and developer St Modwen, supported by the Lancashire Local Enterprise Partnership's Growth Deal Fund. Construction partners for the project have been Caddick Construction.

The new town centre complex is part of the regeneration plan for Skelmersdale.

This also includes drawing up a detailed masterplan for the site of the former Glenburn Sports College, part of which has been set aside for a new railway station.

## Town picked to pilot plan to improve high streets

SKELMERSDALE has been named as one of five towns to pilot a Community Improvement District as new figures reveal high streets visitors remain 14% down on pre-pandemic levels across the country.

Five high streets across England, including Skelmersdale, have been named Community Improvement Districts (CID) as part of a pioneering new initiative by Power to Change, which backs community business in England that trade for the benefit of local people.

Community Improvement Districts already operate in Scotland and build on Business Improvement Districts, where businesses collaborate to effect change in an area in order to spur regeneration and boost business.

The key difference with Community Improvement Districts is that they seek to provide local people, and community organisations, as well as businesses, a say over the strategic direction of local high streets which is considered to be vital to creating sustainable town centres for the future.

The involvement of the community in shaping their town centres it is hoped will bring many positive impacts, including: increasing residents' sense of ownership and responsibility for their high street; community organisations moving onto the high street could provide diverse and vibrant activities, services and places for people to meet; and all of this will strengthen the local economy.

Paul Cotterill, current project lead for the CID in Skelmersdale, said: "It's early days, but we're pretty excited that Skem was chosen on the basis of the innovative financial model we're looking to pilot.

"We know that this model will work best with widespread buy-in from local people, and we really look forward to the participation events and digital interactions we're now planning in earnest, courtesy of the Power to Change investment in our ideas."

Each of the five areas will be awarded a total of £20k alongside expert support and guidance in partnership with Localityto begin establishing, managing and running their Community Improvement District.

# Developer to build 200 homes despite concerns from locals

Report by **Henry James**

WEST Lancashire Borough Council has given its approval for 200 homes to be built in Skelmersdale, despite receiving a number of letters of objections from neighbours.

The proposed housing development by Bellway at Neverstitch Road was heard by the borough council planning committee in March.

However, the final approval was delayed due to the need for the developer to enter into a number of agreements, including a payment of £100,000 towards the

Ormskirk to Skelmersdale Linear Park.

A decision notice has now been published by the borough council stating they have granted permission for the application.

All the apartments and two-bedroomed houses will be affordable units. This will be 15% of the overall dwellings.

This is the second phase of the housebuilder, Bellway Homes' Lathom Pastures development and the final phase of the wider 'Land at Firwood Road' housing allocation as designated in the adopted Local Plan.



Phase one of Lathom Pastures which is now under construction

Residents who objected were concerned about increased traffic pollution, loss of daylight and increased noise and disturbance.

However, before the meeting in March officers recommended that

the application be approved.

Heidi McDougall, the corporate director of place and community at West Lancashire Borough Council wrote: "In terms of affordable housing, I am satisfied that an appropriate number of affordable homes will be provided on the site.

"The proposed development is acceptable in terms of layout, appearance and scale.

"I am satisfied that the proposed development would allow for the provision and retention of reasonable levels of amenity for the occupants of future and neighbouring properties."

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# Merseyrail services reduced in frequency due to train faults

Ormskirk to Liverpool service currently only every 30 minutes due to wheel bearings problem

Report by **Henry James**

**MERSEYRAIL** is running a reduced service from Ormskirk due to the ongoing problem of wheel bearing faults on its trains.

Trains are currently only running every 30 minutes between Ormskirk and Liverpool due to an "unexpected and significant increase" in the problem which has affected the number of trains available to run.

This has resulted in the full fleet being tested, with those trains found to have the fault being taken out of service for repair.

Some Merseyrail services are currently operating with rail replacement buses only because of this issue.

There is also currently a 30 minute service on the Kirkby, Hunts Cross, New Brighton, West Kirby, Chester, and Ellesmere Port lines.

Trains are running every 15 minutes between Southport and Liverpool Central.

A supplemental rail replacement bus service will be in place between Maghull and Moorfields and Waterloo and Moorfields in case services become overcrowded.

There are also rail replacement bus services between Spital and Birkenhead North stations and Moorfields.

This timetable will remain in place until further



Merseyrail services have been hit by train faults.

notice. Merseyrail bosses say that as trains are repaired they will be used to strengthen services where possible, providing six car trains at peak times.

Passengers are advised to allow extra time for their journey as services are likely to be busy and to check @merseyrail on Twitter for updates before they head to the station.

Andy Heath, managing director at Merseyrail said: "I'd like to offer my sincere apologies to our passengers for the disruption that this unexpected and significant increase in wheel bearing faults is causing."

"I'd also like to reassure our passengers that we are working closely with our partners and industry experts to resolve this problem, with progress being monitored daily."

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Comprehensive travel advice for passengers is available on Merseyrail's website.

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# Motorfest given cash boost after council revs up its support!

But organisers say more financial help is needed to secure long-term future of popular event

Report by **Henry James**

WEST Lancashire Borough Council has agreed to provide £7,610 funding to support Motorfest 2022 and help it go ahead on Sunday, August 28.

However, organisers from Aintree Circuit Club claim that this level of funding may not be enough to secure the event's long-term future.

Motorfest, which has not taken place since 2019 due to the pandemic, is one of the biggest free family events in the North West and previously attracted tens of thousands of visitors to the borough.

Councillor Yvonne Gagen, leader of the council and cabinet member for regeneration, said: "The funding is in line with what we have supported the Circuit Club with in the past. We need to support such events which are good for the local economy and are delighted to work with our partners in this way."

The chairman of Aintree Circuit Club, Michael Ashcroft, said: "The Ormskirk Motorfest has been a fantastic success, growing to be one of the biggest events in the UK, through the hard work of Aintree Circuit Club's volunteer team of highly experienced Motorsport Officials, Safety Officers and Marshalling Team, who provide their services and expertise to ensure the safe and efficient running of the event, at no direct cost to the event

## Economic impact

"Motorfest creates the single biggest economic impact and social benefit for West Lancs at the lowest cost.

"42,000 attended in 2019 with an estimated income generation for town centre food, drink and other businesses of £400,000 during Motorfest, based on known trading information from a number of food and drink businesses.

"The Council funding for the event has been significantly reduced, now approximately just a third of the direct cost, as well as the resources it deploys to



Ormskirk town centre packed with visitors at the 2019 Motorfest

facilitate the event, have been reduced to near zero, with the burden of responsibility for both funding and organisation now the responsibility of the Club.

"Additionally, at the last Council Cabinet Meeting, Councillors rejected the recommendation of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, that the Council should continue to provide funding for Motorfest.

"Unless alternative funding sources can be found, the future of Motorfest is in doubt, as the Club has far less resources available than the Council to pursue this, such as finding commercial sponsors.

"There is also a disappointing reluctance of Ormskirk Town Centre businesses to support Motorfest, by contributing to the very modest costs incurred in staging the event.

"The Club is also still awaiting formal approval of the Event Management and Safety Plan, despite this being submitted to the Council back in March.

"However, the Club is optimistic that the event will proceed, despite these major Council upheavals, and is already receiving a very strong stream of entries for the event, from across the North West and further afield, with some major new attractions planned for the event, subject to Council approval."

# Southport MP issues fresh call for Burscough Curves to reopen

SOUTHPORT MP Damien Moore has once again called for better rail links into Southport and wants the Burscough Curves line to reopen to "enable stronger connectivity."

The local MP was speaking during the recent Queen's Speech debate, when he claimed that Southport and West Lancashire would benefit.

Speaking about rail links, Mr Moore said: "We need the Burscough Curves rail link to re-open, which would enable stronger connectivity not only within the region, but as far afield as Scotland and the south of England.

"We need to maintain the direct link from Southport to Manchester Piccadilly, which is crucial for jobs, business, and leisure."

The Burscough Curves would link Southport to both Preston and Ormskirk by rail, allowing for more convenient inward travel for visitors to Southport,



MP Damien Moore

alongside outbound travel for our town's residents.

Mr Moore has previously spoken directly to the Secretary of State for Scotland and the Rail Minister about this proposals, and recently hosted a roundtable between local political leaders, key local stakeholders, and Transport for the North to discuss both the Burscough Curves and the direct line to Manchester Piccadilly in more detail.

He added: "Whilst I am championing investment into Southport from the private sec-

tor, I am also calling for more public investment into key transport infrastructure projects, which will help increase Southport's visitor capacity and bring more people into our town spending money.

"As a resort town, having good rail links is crucial. I was delighted to use my speech in the Queen's Speech debate as an opportunity to praise the work that has been done so far, and to outline my determination to get this opportunity right."

Alan Fantom, Chair of the Ormskirk, Preston, and Southport Travellers' Association, said: "We have worked closely on transport issues over the past five years, and on Burscough Curves we are seeing more constructive dialogue towards some tangible progress being made.

"Alongside Damien, OPSTA will do all we can to support both this project and getting the Manchester services we need."

# Hospital ends restrictions on visitors for first time since before pandemic

Report by **Henry James**

VISITING restrictions at Southport & Ormskirk Hospitals have ended for both children and adult patients.

This is the first time it has returned to this level since before the pandemic outbreak in 2020.

Anne-Marie Stretch, Managing Director of Southport and Ormskirk Hospital NHS Trust, said: "For the first time in more than two years, we are pleased to be welcoming back visitors to our hospitals for all our patients.

"We know how difficult the necessary restrictions on visiting have been for both patients, their friends and families.

"All visitors are asked to notify the ward in advance to avoid overcrowding at busy times and minimise the risk of infection.

"Inpatients may have up to two visitors. We also welcome both parents in neonatal, children's ward and children's A&E, and birthing partners in maternity.

"Full details about visiting, including how to contact wards and departments, are on the Trust website."

West Lancashire MP Rosie Cooper has welcomed the news.

She said: "I was concerned to hear reports that only one parent was being allowed to stay



Ormskirk District General Hospital and (inset) Anne-Marie Stretch, Managing Director of Southport and Ormskirk Hospital NHS Trust



with their child at the paediatric emergency department. This was really worrying, as it prevents both parents from being able to have an equal say in their child's treatment or care.

"Outrageously, I was even told in one instance parents were told that until one parent left, they would not begin treating the child!

"I am pleased to now be told that the pre-pandemic arrangements have been reinstated, allowing both parents to be with their children in the Hospital, rather than one being shut out.

"Whilst this is welcome news, I have asked for assurances that should this one parent policy be reintroduced, there will be a clear mechanism for both parents to have a say in their child's care and treatment."

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# Council-run housing company is set to build 50 new homes

Report by Henry James

HOUSING bosses at the council-owned Tawd Valley Developments say they are set to build their "largest and most challenging" development to date.

Contractors appointed by TVD have begun site preparation as work to deliver 50 new homes on Fairlie, in Birch Green, Skelmersdale, gets under-way.

Hoardings are going around the site, which will deliver a mix of semi-detached and terraced houses, plus two storey apartments and bungalows.

The homes are being developed for the company's owner, West Lancashire Borough Council, and will be available for rent to local people.

"This is our largest and most challenging scheme to date and will make a significant difference to the quality of life of residents when the homes are completed," said TVD's managing director Mark Kitts.

"Our focus is on delivering high-quality, energy-efficient homes that suit the needs of different members of the community, which is why there are a mix of housing types in the development.

"There'll also be wider improvements as part of the development, including enhanced pavements



A street scene image of the Fairlie development

and a new access road with additional residents' parking."

The low-energy homes will benefit from dual zone heating, double-glazing and electric car charge points, as well as light and spacious accommodation.

The £8m development is being constructed by contractor Whitfield & Brown, with the first phase of works focusing on infrastructure such as the access road, ground works and drainage. Construction is expected to last 12 months.

## Village set to host annual scarecrow trail

THE annual Halsall Village Scarecrows Trail will return this weekend and is open on both days from 1-4pm.

Eleanor Wroe, one of the organisers, said: "Walk the short trail around the village

centre to let the children spot the hedgehogs hidden amongst the scarecrows and find answers to some simple questions and to vote for their favourite Scarecrow. There is even a prize for the

children to name the Corgi scarecrow.

"The £5 entry forms can be bought on the day from the stall opposite the War Memorial and extra parking is available at Halsall School.

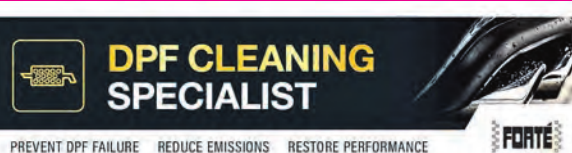


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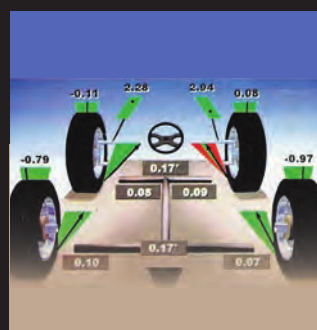
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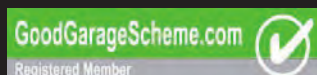


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# Popular chip shop once named in UK's top 10 closes down

Report by Henry James

A POPULAR fish and chip shop based at the Ringtail Retail Park in Burscough, has closed down.

Fylde Fish and Chips, which still has restaurants and takeaways in Southport, issued a statement on social media to confirm its closure.

The post states: "It is with a heavy heart that we can confirm after four years we have made the difficult decision to close our doors for good.

"We appreciate all the loyal customers that have been with us from the beginning. Your support kept us going and we will miss you. We sincerely thank you for your business and support."

Following the statement, more than 100 messages of support were left by customers.

Eileen Denyer wrote: "So sad that it's closed, always great fish and chips, it was our first meal of choice when lockdown eased. Best wishes for the future."

The chippy was the third site to be opened by owners Banico and Jodie Zeniou.

The reason for the closure has not been disclosed but earlier this year, Banico had issued a plea for people to support their local chippies, as they battled rising costs.



Fylde Fish Bar staff and (inset) its chip shop at the Ringtail Retail Park

In 2019, Fylde Fish and Chips in Burscough was named as one of top 10 Best Fish and

Chip Restaurants in the country by Fry Magazine. More than 400 outlets had entered the awards, and the competition centred on a mystery visit when restaurants were judged on quality of food, atmosphere and customer service. Both big name shops and smaller lesser-known businesses entered.

Reece Head, competition organiser, commented at the time: "These operators have proved that they are at the top of their game, subjecting their premises, staff and food to a thorough inspection and coming out with near-on perfect results."

# Brass band strike right note to earn third-place trophy!

MEMBERS of Skelmersdale Prize Band have earned a third place trophy at Buxton Contest after impressing with their version of 'Purcell Variations' by Kenneth Downie.

Musical director Ben Coulson said: "This result is testament to the hard work from the band leading up to this contest.

"I've enjoyed many positive comments from supporters praising both our soloistic and ensemble playing, and it's given us a really solid grounding for the National Finals in September, that we qualified for back in February."

The Champion reported how Skelmersdale Prize Band had been crowned North West Regional Champions at the annual Brass Band Regional Championships at Blackpool Winter Gardens on February 27.

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Members of Skelmersdale Prize Band with their third place trophy

National Finals in Cheltenham, the band are hosting 'An Evening With Skelmersdale Prize Band' at St Jude's Social Club, Wigan, WN3 5JE on Sunday (June 19) at 7pm.

Tickets are £10, and are available from the club, or via [skelmersdaleprizeband@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:skelmersdaleprizeband@hotmail.co.uk) if people would like to come and support the band.



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## Martin Mere news

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# Cute Chicks at Martin Mere

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Also on the mere we have 12 pairs of Common Terns which is a site record, they are breeding on the back island. The terns are a beautiful bird and can be seen all over the reserve as they are hunting for small

fish. Common terns are amazing birds they drink water while they are still flying coming down to a lake or the sea and dipping their bill in. Like most seabirds they have nasal glands that excess salt so they drink seawater as well as fresh. They can live a really long time the oldest one from ringing data was 33 years old! They normally have 3 eggs, incubate for 22 days and the chicks fledge after 25 days. Last year 15 chicks fledged at Martin Mere fingers crossed we have another successful year.

Over the next couple of weeks spend some time in the discovery hide and enjoy watching these 2 amazing species and their very cute chicks.

In addition, the centre also has 4 fledged kingfishers and the bearded tits are singing in the reedbed making the reedbed walk a joy for your senses at time of year with butterflies, damselflies and dragonflies around the mass of wild flowers.

To book your visit to Martin Mere visit [www.wwt.org.uk/martinmere](http://www.wwt.org.uk/martinmere)



Pictured: Black-headed gull chick

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Some of the people who took part in the celebration of the Kickstart Scheme

## Kickstart job boost scheme celebrated by young people

SKELMERSDALE and Ormskirk Jobcentre held a celebration of the Kickstart Scheme, hosted by the Institute of Creative Enterprise at Edge Hill University.

This event looked back at the “massive success and phenomenal impact” the Kickstart Scheme has had in West Lancashire.

The companies of West Lancashire rose to the Kickstart challenge working with more than 150 employers.

Employers includes West Lancashire Borough Council, Propac, The Sewing Rooms, Base-Dance, B&M and many more.

In total, 348 young people started work in West Lancashire thanks to the Kickstart Scheme.

A spokesperson for the scheme said: “Ormskirk led the nation and exceeded the target set by national Government in a little over six months.”

“Edge Hill’s Institute of Creative Enterprise (ICE) are one of the most prominent employers, taking on 39 young people from across Lancashire and Merseyside. They offered Trainee Film and Media roles, which allowed the Kickstarters to gain real world experience and work on location with the likes of Sir Ian McKellen and Maxine Peake.

“The Kickstarters came together to collaborate on The Ferryman, a short film which they wrote, directed and produced.

“This film has been screened at Cannes Film Festival, Pinewood Studios and the Toronto Film Festival, a true reflection of the talent in the North West which has been nurtured by ICE and would not have been possible without Kickstart.”

The kickstart participants have described the experience as ‘life-changing’ and one kick-starter has secured an interview with ITV, another has made steps towards a career in film production.

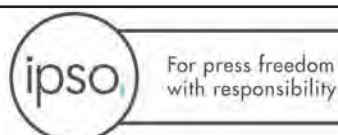
## Green grants on offer for wildlife projects

NEW small grants for mini wildlife projects aimed at protecting species and habitats across Lancashire are set to be introduced.

The grants are part of a new scheme, which would see £58,000 made available to parish and town councils to support biodiversity and nature projects in their area.

Councils opting into the scheme would each receive £300 to fund work ranging from bat boxes and bug hotels, to rain gardens and ‘living walls’.

County Councillor Shaun Turner, cabinet member for environment and climate change, said: “Encouraging biodiversity and supporting nature to thrive is crucial. These grants will help our parish and town councils to do important environmental work at the heart of local communities.”



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# Countdown contestant Ste to continue on show thanks to winning run!

Report by **Henry James**

**WELL-KNOWN** Skelmersdale resident Steven Etherington, known commonly as Ste Evo, continues his reign on Channel 4's Countdown, with his sixth show to be broadcast on Monday, June 20.

Ste, who has been a deliverer for the Champion, said: "I am really enjoying my 15 minutes of fame!"

"People are stopping me everywhere I go, to tell me how much they are enjoying watching me on Countdown, and how proud they are of me."

"It was an amazing experience, I was treated really well from start to finish by the whole team including Anne Robinson, Suzie Dent, Rachel Riley and guest stars including Tanni Grey-Thompson and Judge Rinder - who was a lot of fun."

"Anne particularly seemed to take a shine to me! I hope people enjoy my final shows and I would like to thank everyone for their support."



Ste and Judge Robert Rinder on the set of Countdown

## Newburgh Fair set to return this weekend

**NEWBURGH** Fair will return to the village on Saturday, June 18 with a procession starting in Back Lane at noon and then an action-packed celebration on the school field all afternoon.

Floats in the procession will take the theme of the 'Magic of Books' with children inter-

preting stories that have inspired them.

At the head of the parade will be the 2022 Rose Queen, Macey Birch, accompanied by 11 rose attendants including year 6 girls who missed the chance of being crowned during lockdown.

The entertainment will

include the Rose Queen ceremony, Newburgh Morris Dancers, community games, other audience participation activities and the much-loved waggy-tailed dog show.

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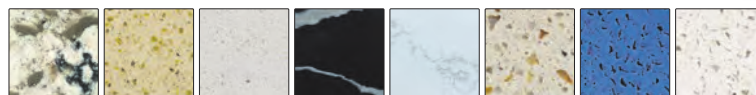
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# Egg-cellent! Rare white storks hatch

TWO WHITE stork chicks have hatched at WWT Martin Mere Wetland Centre for the first time.

They hatched at the end of May and can be seen sat underneath mum to the right of the stork lodge in the Eco-garden.

Centre manager Nick Brooks said: "The white storks are a popular attraction at Martin Mere, with 12 birds (six female and six male), they are often heard before they are seen as they don't have any muscles in their voice box.

"They have developed the ability to clack their bills really loudly, using a throat pouch to amplify the sound, at mating time

"This is the first time we have successfully hatched out chicks with these birds and our visitors already love seeing them."

The birds arrived at Martin Mere in 2020 after being originally brought over from Poland who have a scheme to re-home storks that have become injured and unable to continue with migrations.

There is a white stork reintroduction programme in Poland to release chicks throughout Europe.

Storks build a large nest out of sticks and grass, laying three to five eggs. The parents take turns to sit on them for about 30 days until they hatch. When the young hatch, they stay in the nest for a period of time.



Two white stork chicks hatching at Martin Mere. Picture by Damien Giblin

They are carnivores, eating any small animals they can find.

"They survive well in wetland areas where their diet includes fish, amphibians, crustaceans, molluscs, small birds and mammals etc. In drier areas, their diet will contain more lizards and insects, such as grasshoppers and locusts, a nutritious protein source.

## Police launch appeal after burglaries across Burscough

POLICE officers attended two burglaries overnight on Tuesday, June 7 in the Burscough area in which a number of tools have been stolen from a shed and a garage.

Neighbourhood officers were out and about on Wednesday, June 8 providing reassurance to residence in the vicinity and

conducting CCTV checks.

A spokesperson for Ormskirk and Rural West Lancs Police said on their Facebook page: "If you saw anyone acting suspiciously in the area around the time it happened or you have any information which could help us please give us a call on 101 quoting log refer-

ence LC-20220607-1221.

"It's also worth remembering there are steps everyone can take to make your homes and property more secure.

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## Lorry traffic has to be controlled

Last week I was chased by a horn blowing soil laden large lorry being driven by a youth - or that's how he appeared in my mirror.

The time was 11am.

Driving through a built up, heavily pedestrianised area, I wasn't going fast enough for the lorry.

Up Holland and Hall Green are being ruined by traffic, mainly from Skelmersdale and it must be controlled.

I have also been told that racing takes place from the island to Garnet Leas, late at night.

Come on West Lancashire Council, lets have some enforcement.

Graham Walker,  
Up Holland

## It's impossible to rent a garage here!

I am new to Skelmersdale and need advice on how to rent a garage off the council.

In the time that I have been here (since late January) I have discovered what not to do - contact the council.

This is because the signs advertising garages from the council display the wrong number.

When you get the correct number they tell you to register on-line.

When you get to the end of the registration process you are informed that the council is not renting any garages.

This seems strange as there are plenty across the estate that are empty (made evident by the fact that the doors are very often broken and you can see inside).

Can anyone help me?

Richard Hollingdale,  
By email

## Please keep our town clean and stop using it as a dumping site!

I like Skelmersdale, it's a nice place to live but I think our council has forgotten a bit about our town.

There are many green areas around the town and many of them are dirty and neglected.

Some people use our green spaces as their own dumping sites.

I have seen young guys throwing rubbish everywhere, one of them even emptied a bag full of food packaging and plastic bottles next to the bench where he and other guys were spending some time looking how nice they are.

If you walk around Tawd Valley Park in the early morning you will be transported to a magical place thanks to all the birds singing, uncoordinated, but forming a fantastic song that will make you feel the nature during your walking.

Then you will notice that around all this park there are just a few bins, one of them has been burnt and not replaced.

In the same place, you can find the River Tawd another natural bin for many.

If you stop for a second by the river you will

observe on the bottom of it supermarket trolleys, bikes or even a scooter!

I admit that I was very surprised by those discoveries, but also for how long those objects appear to have been there, some of them completely cover but mud.

Even though the town centre will have new area supermarkets and other shops, the council doesn't seem to care about the rest of the area.

Eventually, some areas will be covered by rubbish, like for example under the road bridge close to the petrol station, which is really disgusting even to breath because of the smell of urine and also dangerous for kids as they can fall and cut themselves with glass from some broken bottles.

So, let's keep our town clean and tidy, not just because nature needs some help, but also because we will leave a better place for our children and, as neighbours, we are the only ones who can take care of our town.

John Freddy,  
Skelmersdale

## Speeding drivers are killing wildlife

This is to make motorists aware of the amount of wildlife being killed by Martin Mere and the windmill animal farm in Burscough wetlands.

As a commuter, I travel via Burscough through to Banks in Southport around 20 times per week, from early morning, between 6.45am and 7am.

It never ceases to amaze me how much traffic now goes through this lovely country drive, and how many idiotic drivers there are on our roads!

This is our future, our wildlife, and it is constantly being abused every day by thoughtless road users going above and beyond the speed limit, which by the way is 40mph down these roads.

The amount of road kill I have seen is absolutely disgusting, no need for this! Please think about our future wildlife!

Slow down and avoid slaying any more animals who dare to get in the way of your commute to work.

They have a right to a life as well!

Name supplied,  
By email

## Idea to concrete over Burscough Curves for buses was surely a joke

It is quite clear that Jeff Carter (Champion Letters, June 1 - 'Northern Rail Service is a shambles') has had some unfortunate experiences recently while travelling on the railway to, from, and via, Wigan.

I very rarely have any problems using the route but take his point that it's a challenge to get information if you don't have access to online internet services, which I use and so know when a certain train is late or cancelled and I con-

sequently turn up at stations just prior to trains arriving.

Nevertheless, I am sure it would have been better to forward his woeful travel experiences to the train company involved who are obliged to offer some compensation.

I do not cheerlead any train operator anywhere in the country but found the last paragraph of Jeff's letter was high comedy even though that was not his intention.

With the vast majority of

the town's citizens backing the laying down of railway lines to provide a rail route out of the town via Burscough giving direct access to the North via Preston, Jeff wants it to be concreted over and buses put on it.

Not the brightest of ideas for the route and can only have been said with tongue-in-cheek I'm sure.

Ken Oldfield,  
Southport

## Don't worry about anti-theft trolleys

Just to reassure people worried about anti theft devices on trolleys.

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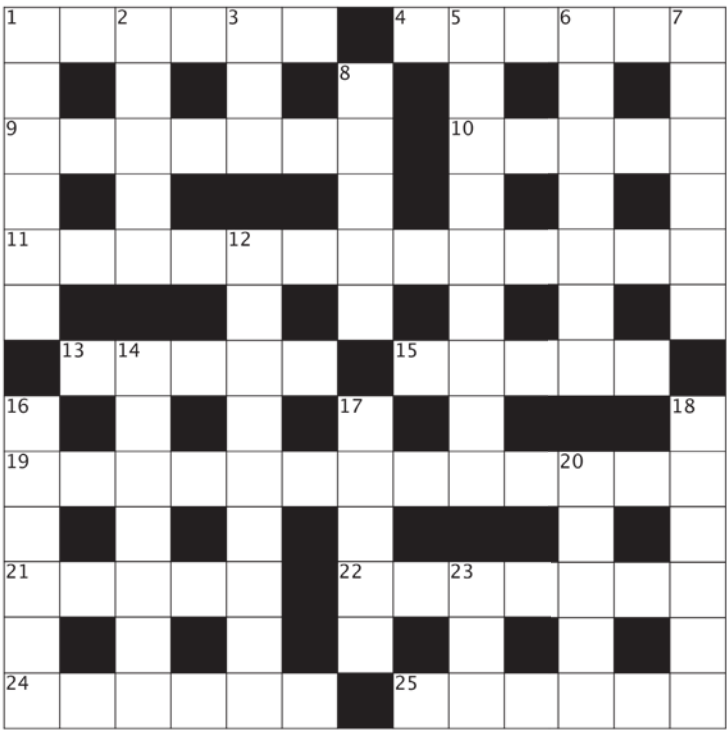
The trolley will always work from the shop to your car.

No supermarket would have signed up for an idea that would lose them customers!

Fiona Cassells,  
By email

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- Green party MP (8,5)
- Find the correct answer to a puzzle (5)
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- Tropical dense forest (6)

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- Fossilised tree resin (5)
- Israeli designed sub-machine gun (3)
- Remove dead skin cells (9)
- 1938 Novel by Daphne Du Maurier (7)
- Mark made by folding a piece of paper (6)
- Putting into service; employing for a purpose (5)
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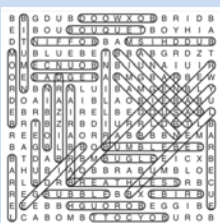
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This week's wordsearch theme is **METALS** Remember that the words can run in a straight line in any direction.

If you have enjoyed these puzzles, and would like to exercise your brain further, check out *The Wheatear Book of Crosswords* and *The Wheatear Book of Word Searches*.

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# Chairman relishing team's return to NPL

SKELMERSDALE United chairman Paul Griffiths says everyone at the club are "excited" about returning to the Northern Premier League Division One West, but added that "we don't want to get ahead of ourselves."

Skem gained promotion last season after winning 5-1 in a play-off clash against Gloucestershire side Cinderford Town.

Speaking to The North West Counties Football League website, Mr Griffiths said: "It's hectic at the moment, getting ready for next season."

"We've been in the Northern Premier League before, we're excited about returning but also don't want to get ahead of ourselves."

"Next season is about consolidation and then the year after we may start to think about promotion. We've got a good two-year plan in place."

"Our time in the Counties has been brilliant, it's been a joy working with the people involved in the league."

"It's great that we were able to push Macclesfield



Skem players and staff celebrate promotion

all the way to the end of the season.

"This club has had some real struggles in recent years, nearly ceasing to exist in 2017, but that's all behind us and we're firmly looking towards the future!"

## Ormskirk battle back to earn thrilling draw with Northern

ORMSKIRK had to settle for a draw in a thrilling game against Northern on Saturday.

Skipper Gary Knight top scored for Ormskirk with an unbeaten, while opener Alex Rankin scored 36 number ten batter Scott Lees a very useful 28 as Ormskirk's innings ended on 217 all out in 64.2

overs.

Daniel Wilson claimed 5 wickets for 60 runs

Northern looked set for victory with score on 87-2 at one stage with Chris Laker top scoring with 67.

But Zahir Shehzad took six wickets for 68 to keep the innings in check and had

Northern on 201-9. But Northern managed to bat out the 50 overs, finishing on 201-9.

Elsewhere, Southport and Birkdale lost by six wickets to Leigh and Formby managed a draw against Wigan who scored a remarkable 301-2 declared in 48 overs.

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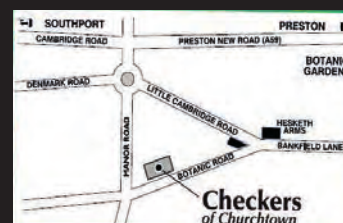
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From what we can gather, a work has existed on the present site since 1875. Aughton Moss Mission, as it was known, is believed to have been started by Railway Workers during the era when railways were expanding in the region. Around 1885 they constituted themselves as a Calvinistic Baptist Church affiliated to the Baptist Union – the current building was erected a year later in 1886.

The work was small and didn't see great numerical growth. Moving into the 20th century, the reason for this may have been due to the effect of the First World War, the depression in the 1920's, followed by the Second World War.



By the early 1950's the Church seems to have been in such a weak state numerically and financially that the members signed up to The Fuller Trust which

effectively give the Baptist Union total control and rights to the Church.

Reduced to around six members in 1961, John Beattie came first as a visiting preacher and then as part-time Pastor in 1964. It was during this time that the Church started, unofficially, to break ties with the Baptist Union and starting forging links with Grace Baptist Churches.

In 1971 the Church called John Beattie to full time ministry. Numbers continued to grow and an extension (The Blue Room) was added. Sunday School and youth groups all seem to have flourished at this time. Unfortunately with the rise and influence of the charismatic movement in the late 1970's, a number of folk left the Church over gifts and contemporary worship.

John Beattie remained as Pastor until 1986 when he retired. John finished his ministry one Sunday and the new Pastor, Val Howell, took up the ministry the following Sunday. Val Howell remained at the Church until 1999



and was succeeded by Billy McCurrie in August of that year. Again, Val Howell finished his ministry one Sunday, Billy McCurrie taking up the ministry the next – this effectively gave the Church (at that time) 28 years consecutive ministry ... and it's still going!

In the early 2000's the ties with the Baptist Union were finally broken and a small piece of land was purchased at the rear of the Church for a car park. The Church continues to this day to stand as a Christian witness in the Aughton Park area.



## Aughton Park Baptist Church

"The Bible contains the mind of God, the state of man, the way of salvation, the doom of sinners, and the happiness of believers. Its doctrines are holy, its precepts are binding, its histories are true, and its decisions are immutable. Read it to be wise, believe it to be safe, and practice it to be holy. It contains light to direct you, food to support you, and comfort to cheer you. It is the traveller's map, the pilgrim's staff, the pilot's compass, the soldier's sword and the Christian's charter. In its pages Heaven is opened and the gates of Hell disclosed. Christ is its grand subject, our good its design, and the glory of God its end. It should fill the memory, rule the heart, and guide the feet. Read it slowly, frequently, and prayerfully. It is a mine of wealth, a paradise of glory, and a river of pleasure. It is given in life, will be opened at the judgment, and be remembered forever. It involves the highest responsibility, rewards the greatest labour, and will condemn all who trifle with its sacred contents".

[Author Unknown]

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**Young People's Fellowship**  
**2nd and 4th Fridays in the month**  
**7:30pm - 9:00pm**  
Age 13+

**Informal Gathering**  
**First Friday in the month 1:30-3:00.**  
Open to anyone. There is usually a short talk or maybe a book review or poetry, or even desert island hymns or a quiz and lots of home-made cakes.

**'Evening of Chocolate Delights'**  
**Monday 11th July, 7:30.**  
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I think the market in general is seeing a swing away from low fee / no service models for something much more personal and more thought through, but that's in everything service led, not just in Estate Agency. Our customers really value a more personal, hands on level of service - it might seem at odds with some of the modern online agencies, but the industry as a whole looks like it's heading that way.

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We've got loads planned around our Maghull home-turf as well in Crosby where we live. We sponsor Marina Sands JFC Under 11s girl team - loads of the girls in the team are from Maghull and we were delighted to see them win the league and cup double! So inspiring seeing the effort that they put in, especially as a mum of two girls. We're supporting them again next season and continue to get involved in the local community where we can!

## How about the market?

No-one has a crystal ball, but history shows us that the market is cyclical and what goes up must come down. You'll see conflicting reports from different places - more properties becoming available vs fewer properties, prices up vs prices down - what is clear though, is that demand is still out-stripping supply. That means that finding buyers is easier than at other stages of the market, but working with the right agent to find the right buyer to pay the right price and then manage that sale through successfully, that's the bit that homeowners need to make sure that they get right!

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The owner Ryan Molloy is an ex St Bedes pupil who juggles running his business as well as being part of the Team GB Karate team and has proudly won 3 Bronze Medals with his Brother Michael by his side in the World Championships in Romania in 2021.

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**GILBODY GORDON**

Hilda, David, Andrew and their families would like to thank relatives, friends and neighbours for all the cards, messages of sympathy, flowers and donations received on the sad loss of Gordon.

Thank you to all the staff at Southport Hospital and Liverpool Heart and Chest Hospital and to those who offered help when Gordon was taken ill in Ormskirk, also to Rev. Michael Tindsley for conducting the funeral service and to Melanie Hardman and staff at H Hardman & Co for their kindness, support and dignified funeral arrangements.

## DEATHS

**GLOVER JACQUELINE EMILY (JACKIE)**

**On 30th May 2022**  
**Passed away peacefully**  
**Aged 87 years**

Beloved Wife of the late Tom Glover OBE. Loving Mum of Bryce and Heather.  
Dear Mother-in-Law of Susie and Jeremy. Much loved Grandma of Craig (and his wife Caroline), Christopher and Miela, and Great Grandma of Eva, Grace and Finn. Jackie will be greatly missed by all her family and friends.

Funeral service and interment to take place at St. Cuthberts Church, Southport, on Tuesday 28th June 2022 at 11am. Family flowers only, by request. Donations if so desired can be made to Queenscourt Hospice.

Donations and further enquiries please to M.Rushton Funeral Directors, 100 Marshside Road, Southport, PR9 9TG. Tel: 01704 214118

## DEATHS

**NICHOLL WALTER**

**After a short illness peacefully in Byng House on 25th May 2022 aged 98 years**

Devoted Husband of the late Ruth. Dear Dad of William and David. Dear Father in Law of Helen and Mary. Loving Grandad of Emily, Jennifer, Rosie, Tessa and Richard and Great Grandad of Ellie, Ivy and Hazel. Walter will be sadly missed by all who knew him.

Funeral Service will take place at Southport Crematorium on Wednesday 22nd June 2022 at 1pm. Family flowers only please. Donations if desired to Byng House Amenity Fund (Cheques to Prem Card Ltd) Further enquiries please to Moisters Funeralcare, 8 Station Rd, Ainsdale PR8 3HS Tel: 01704 575282

**SCANLAN NEIL**

**Aged 70**  
**Passed away on 4th June 2022**  
**Ever in our hearts and minds**

Beloved Husband to Claire. Devoted Father to Oliver. Father to Simon & Drew. Cherished Son of Harry & Eileen. Loving Brother to Michael, Paul & Carol.

Funeral service will be held at West Lancashire Crematorium on Wednesday 22nd June at 2:00pm. Family flowers only. Donations if so desired will be gratefully received for Shine Trust (SHINE: Support & Help In Education)

**Further enquiries and donations to David Wilkinson Independent Funeral Directors, 291 Hesketh Lane, Tarleton, PR4 6RJ. Tel: 01772 811165.**

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## DEATHS

### SAGAR TED (MIKE)

Peacefully on  
26th May 2022  
aged 73 years

Dearly loved Husband of Beryl. Loving Dad to Karen and Linda, Father In Law to Neil and Paul. Special Grandad to Chelsea and the late Shay. Great-Grandad to Shayne and Lexi.

Funeral service and committal will take place at Southport Crematorium on Wednesday 22nd June at 12 o'clock noon. Colourful clothing encouraged please. In lieu of flowers, donations are gratefully being received in favour of The British Lung Foundation.

Further enquiries to Moistors Funeralcare, 8 Marshside Road, Churchtown, Southport, PR9 8PF Tel: 01704 227430

### WALKER ELMA

On 8th June 2022  
Peacefully in  
Manchester House  
Care Home  
Aged 89 years

Beloved Wife of the late Sydney. Loving Mum of Cheryl, Sydney, David, Pam, Michael and Debbie. Dear Mother-in-law of Christine, Chris and Paul and a much loved Nan and Great Nan.

Funeral service and committal to take place at West Lancashire Crematorium on Monday 20th June 2022 at 12 noon. No flowers by request. Donations if so desired can be made to British Heart Foundation.

Donations and further enquiries please to M.Rushton Directors, 100 Marshside Road, Southport, PR9 9TG. Tel: 01704 214118.

## DEATHS

### GOKCEN CATHERINE JOANNE

Passed away  
peacefully at home on  
3rd June 2022  
Aged 48 Years



Much loved Wife of Neil. Mum to Eve and Tom. Daughter, Sister and Daughter In Law. She will be greatly missed by her family and wonderful friends. Taken far too soon.

We would like to say a big Thank You to Clatterbridge Hospital and Queenscourt Hospice. Also to the Marina Dalglish Centre inc. The Larks.

Funeral service and cremation on Friday 24th June 2022 at 2pm at GreenAcres, Blindfoot Road, Rainford, St Helens WA11 7HX, following on to Southport & Birkdale Sports Club, Trafalgar Road, Birkdale, PR8 2HF. Catherine's request is that no black to be worn at her funeral. Family flowers only please. Donations gratefully received at justgiving.com. Our skydive for Catherine and the Larks.

All enquiries to Broadbent & Seddon 33 Liverpool Road, Birkdale, PR8 4AG Tel: 01704 550055.

## DEATHS

### HILL (NEE MORAN) MARIE THERESE

Peacefully but suddenly  
after a short illness  
surrounded by her  
loved ones  
on 8th June 2022  
aged 70 years

Loving Wife of 49 years and 2 months of Derek.

Beloved Mum of Chris, Stephen, Eleanor and Judith also baby Bethany (Deceased). Mother in law to Angela, Laura, Steven and Mark. Devoted Grandma to Dominic, Caitlyn, Sebastian, Rosaline, Sophia, Seraphina, Amira, Esme, Nancy and Ruga the dog. A dear Sister to Peter, Sean (Deceased), Joan and Elizabeth-Anne. Marie will be greatly missed by all her loving family, many friends and neighbours.

A requiem Mass will be offered on Friday 17th June 2022 at 2.30pm at St Teresa's Church, Upholland followed by interment in the churchyard. No flowers by request. Also bright coloured clothing to be worn by mourners including hats or fascinators. Donations in lieu of flowers will be given to St Teresa's Church and Macmillan.

All enquires to R. Banks & Son (Funerals) Ltd. Stretton House, 23 Hall Green, Upholland, Wigan. Tel (01695) 622099

## DEATHS

### BRIAN ANTHONY HOLCROFT

Sadly passed away  
on Wednesday 8th June  
2022 at home.  
Brian aged 89 years  
died peacefully after  
a short illness.



Devoted partner to Margaret and loving uncle, Brian will be greatly missed by all of his family and friends.

A funeral service will be held at West Lancashire Cemetery & Crematorium, Pippin St on Tuesday 21st June at 1 o'clock.

Family flowers only, donations if so desired to St James Church Westhead c/o the funeral director or family.

All enquiries to Cookson Tyrer Funeral care, 2 Smithy Walk, Burscough, Lancashire, L40 5UU

## DEATHS

### HENSHAW PHILLIP STEPHEN (PHIL)

1st June 2022  
Aged 65 years

Peacefully at Clatterbridge Cancer Centre after an illness bravely borne

Much loved Husband of Sue. Loving Dad of Matthew & Robert Dear Father in law of Zuzanna. Devoted Grandad of Chloe & Alexander. Beloved Son of Sheila & the late Len. Dear Brother of Debbie & Nick and Brother in law of Sarah.

Will be greatly missed by all his family & friends.

Funeral service at West Lincs Crematorium on Thursday 16th June 2022 at 2:00pm.

Family flowers only, donations if desired to the Clatterbridge Cancer Centre.

Further enquiries and donations to David Wilkinson Independent Funeral Directors, 291 Hesketh Lane, Tarleton, PR4 6RJ. Tel: 01772 811165.

## DEATHS

### KASASIAN ANN

5th June 2022  
Aged 100 Years

Died peacefully in  
Blenham House Care Home,  
Edinburgh

Beloved Widow of Kas, much loved Mother of Michael, Barbara, Martin and Helen. Dear Mother-in-law of Denz and Andrew, devoted Grandmother and Great Grandmother.

Requiem mass will be offered at Our Lady and All Saints Roman Catholic Church, Parbold on Monday 27th June at 11:00am, followed by interment in the churchyard.

Family flowers only please. Donations, if desired, to the Alzheimer's Society.

Donations and enquiries to Wendy at Massam and Marshall Independent Funeral Directors, 5 The Common, Parbold, WN8 7HA. Telephone 01257 462222

## DEATHS

### COSGROVE JIMMY

On 2nd June 2022  
Peacefully in Birch Green Care Home surrounded by his loving Family  
Aged 75 Years

Loving Husband of the late Marcia. Devoted Dad of Sandra, Linda and Christopher. Cherished Grandad of Lauren, James, Cameryn, Charlie, Thomas and Amelia. Will be sadly missed by all his family and friends.

Funeral service will take place at West Lancashire Crematorium on Monday 20th June at 3.00pm. Family flowers only please by request. Donations if desired for Alzheimer's Society or Cancer Research UK.

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### BODEN PHIL

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Peacefully at home  
aged 72 years  
of Skelmersdale

Dearly loved Dad of Darren, Dean and Denise. Father in law of Stacey and Tony, cherished Grandad of Callum, Kayleigh and Sophie.

Phil will be sadly missed by all his family & friends.  
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Funeral service will be held at West Lancashire Crematorium, Burscough on Friday 17th June at 4pm followed by refreshments at The Wardens Club, Old Skelmersdale. Family flowers only please, donations if desired to Queenscourt Hospice.

## DEATHS

### EMINSON FRANCIS BARRY

7th June 2022  
Passed away peacefully  
at home  
Aged 92 years

Beloved Husband of the late Clare. Devoted Dad to John, Peter and Richard. Much loved Father-in-Law to Anne and Lynn. Loving Grandad to Ashley, Sophie, Thomas, Jacob and Abigail and Great Grandad to Thomas.

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Funeral Service will take place at Holy Trinity Parish Church, Tarleton today Wednesday 15th June 2022 at 2.45pm, followed by committal at West Lancashire Crematorium, Burscough at 4pm Family flowers only but donations if so desired can be made to The Salvation Army

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Enquiries to Neal Buckley Tarleton Funeral Home, 49 Church Road, Tarleton, PR4 6UQ. Tel 01772 301700

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### HOLLIHEAD LORNA

3rd June 2022  
Aged 76 Years

Died peacefully after a long illness with Alzheimer's. Beloved Wife of the late Ken.

Much loved Mum of Stuart & Nicola. Adoring Nannie of Tom. Lorna will be greatly missed by all her family and friends.

Funeral service at Southport Crematorium on Friday 17th June at 10:00am. Flowers are welcome or if so desired donations are being gratefully received for the Alzheimer's Society.

Enquiries to Howard's Funeral Directors, 1-5 Roe Lane, Southport, PR9 9DR. Telephone: 01704 500086.

### PEET RAYMOND

2nd June 2022  
Peacefully  
aged 81 years  
of Skelmersdale

The dearly loved Husband of the late Margaret. Loving Dad of Kieron, David (deceased) and Corin. Dear Father in law of Andrea and Mark and devoted Grandad of Zoe and Josh.

Funeral service at West Lancashire Crematorium on Thursday 16th June 2022 at 11:00am. Family flowers only please, donations if desired for Alzheimers Society.

All enquiries to Melanie Hardman at H Hardman & Co., Independent Family Funeral Directors Tel: 01695 722122/720012

### BRIDGE ARTHUR GRAHAM

on 27th May 2022  
Suddenly in hospital  
Aged 77 years

A loving Brother. Uncle and friend to many.

Funeral service will take place at St. Peters Church, Birkdale, on Friday 8th July at 11.30am. Followed by the committal at Southport Crematorium attended by close family only. Family flowers only by request. Donations if so desired can be made to British Heart Foundation and Diabetes UK.

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## DEATHS

### COWING MARK HINCHLEY

10th June 2022.  
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peacefully at home  
aged 69 years

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Grandad, Brother  
and Uncle.

Funeral Service at  
St. Helen's  
Crematorium on  
Tuesday 28th June  
at 12.30pm.  
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so desired can be  
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Tower Rotary.  
(Ref: Mark. Acc No:  
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Further enquiries  
please to Sally Hunter,  
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20, Moss Delph Lane,  
Aughton,  
Tel: 01695 424888

## DEATHS

### JAMES GORDON RITCHIE Gordon/Jim

Died 27th May 2022  
Aged 89 years  
Peacefully at  
Queenscourt Hospice

Funeral will take place  
at 2pm  
today (Wednesday  
15th June)  
at Southport  
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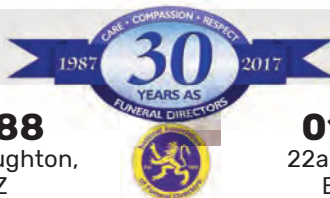
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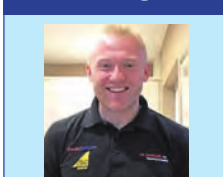
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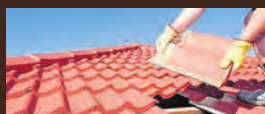
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# The very British way to deal with soaring fuel prices

THE other day I was slapped down with a sobering reminder that Middle Age is the next exit, and I should probably stick my indicator on. There are children being born, right now, whose parents weren't around when the first Shrek movie came out.

That means that said parents are a) unlikely to truly appreciate Smash Mouth's All Star, the opening song from the film's soundtrack, as anything other than the basis for a million internet memes, and b) that they probably won't relate to anything that happened in the year 2000. So all the calls to do a Gillet Jaunes and re-enact that year's fuel protests, presumably, won't really resonate with them.

If you have access to even the thriftiest of four-wheelers then you've probably noticed that fuel pump prices are taking the proverbial at the moment. Last weekend I drove past the Shell garage in Ainsdale, which was charging £1.95 per litre – and thinking that was relatively cheap because the previous night I'd topped up at an Esso in Nottinghamshire and paid a tenth of a penny shy of two quid a litre. I then asked the lady in the kiosk how much it'd be fill up on classic car-friendly, lower-ethanol E5 fuel, and had to remove my jaw from the floor when I was informed it'd be £2.13 a

litre. Equally, a petrolhead mate of mine has been reporting to me the forecourt prices on his morning commute from Peterborough to Kings Lynn, and how almost every day they've been upped by the time he makes the evening return journey.

In fact, the cost of filling up has become such a point of collective frustration that business secretary Kwasi Kwarteng has just ordered an inquiry, particularly into why the government's 5p cut in fuel duty didn't appear to be passed on to mere mortals. He'd better come up with something substantial, otherwise he might as well be using cable ties to stop the Titanic from sinking.

That and it could, ahem, further fuel calls for a 2000-style blockade if it isn't fixed. I've seen plenty of irate drivers sharing pictures from that year's shutdown of oil refineries, when thousands of people collectively said they'd had enough of paying 80p for a litre of unleaded. To be honest, I'm surprised it hasn't happened already – and I can only imagine is because that generation of people too young to have seen Shrek at the cinema simply don't remember it in the first place.

But what I have seen – from a weekend spent on the M57, M62, M61, M65, M6 and M55 –



is that people are taking it upon themselves to police their petrol use. I was on a strict schedule and someone else was picking up the fuel bill so I was sticking to 70mph – and virtually everywhere I went, the traffic was moving a lot more slowly. Sure, there's always one prat who insists on flying past everyone

at ninety in a BMW X1, but for everyone else sixty is the new seventy.

Either that or the government's brought back the old fuel-saving 50mph limit from the Seventies, and I didn't get the memo. In which case, sorry...

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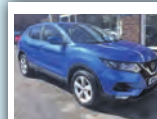
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